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1. DEPT VIEWS MEXICAN INITIATIVE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE
CERDS AS ANOTHER STEP IN THE CONTINUING EFFORT TO GIVE THE
CERDS LEGITIMACY AND THE COLOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.
WHILE THE LANGUAGE IS RELATIVELY MILD PER SE THIS VIEW IS
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BORNE OUT BY THE STATEMENT OF THE EGYPTIAN REP IN PARAGRAPH

2 OF REFTEL THAT ONE PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHO HAVE NOT AGREED TO ALL OF THE CERDS TO JOIN THE REST IN ACCEPTING AND IMPLEMENTING ITS TOTALITY.

2. THE US HAS ALSO INDICATED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, INCLUDING THE 29TH UNGA, ITS WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE A CHARTER THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 3, HOWEVER, THE MEXICANS AND THE G-77 CONTINUE TO INSIST ON A TAKE IT OR ORLEAVE IT BASIS WHICH WE CAN NOT ACCEPT.

3. DEPT AGREES IN GENERAL, THEREFORE, TO THE POSITION SUGGESTED BY USDEL IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF REFTEL. DELEGATION SHOULD ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE THE UK, FRG, JAPAN AND OTHERS TO JOIN US IN VOTING NO. IF NO OTHERS WOULD JOIN US, DELEGATION SHOULD WORK WITH OECD COUNTRIES IN THE ECOSOC TO MAXIMIZE ABSTENTIONS BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND MAY THEN ABSTAIN. FOLLOWING THE VOTE, DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE A STATEMENT REITERATING OUR OPPOSITION TO THE CERDS. KISSINGER

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